FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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NEWS FROM THE DIVISION

GOVERNOR SIGNS SLAM BILL FOR KASHEVAROFF, FOSTER

The Alaska State Library was deeply honored to host the 5/5/2015 signing ceremony for SB 63. Governor Walker used a table in the Historical Collections reading room to sign the bill naming our new combined facility the Father Andrew P. Kashevaroff State Library, Archives, and Museum Building. The bill further names our new public reading room the Representative Richard Foster Reading Room.

Outreach Librarian Claire Imamura took this photo of the event:

Attendees at the event included Commissioner Mike Hanley, Deputy Director Bob Banghart, Juneau Mayor Merrill Sanford, Representative Sam Kito and Senator Dennis Egan.

For more on this event, check out Lisa Phu's 5/6/2015 story on Alaska Public Media.

GUIDE: FREE VIDEO PROGRAMMING FOR LIBRARIES

Amy Marshall's recent AkLA-L post about POV's Documentary by Mail program reminded us to highlight our guide Free Video Programming for Libraries, which museums may find useful as well. It is an annotated list of video/webcast sites that allow their content to be played for groups at no charge. Originally compiled for a talk at the 2013 Alaska Library Association Conference in Valdez.

Although not an online video resource, we added the POV documentary screening program to our list.

NEW ON OWL ARCHIVED VIDEOCONFERENCES

The Online With Libraries (OWL) program posted two archived videoconferences in the past few months:

- STORY TIME EXAMPLES FROM ALASKAN LIBRARIES, APRIL 6, 2015
  - Examples of some of the best practices in presenting story time in libraries from youth librarians from around the state of Alaska.
    Runtime: 32 min

- NORTHERN VOICES ON HOMELESSNESS, MARCH 7, 2015
  - Alaskans discussing solutions to homelessness.
    Runtime: 2 hr 20 min

To see upcoming live videoconferences, visit the OWL videoconference calendar at
http://library.alaska.gov/dev/owlCalendar.html

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEBINAR: EXCEL AT EVERYTHING! (OR AT LEAST MAKE BETTER SPREADSHEETS)

Want to learn more about Excel? Consider taking this free webinar from TechSoup.org

Excel at Everything! (Or at Least Make Better Spreadsheets)
Date: Thu, May 21, 2015
Time: 10:00 AM PDT
Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes
Host(s): Becky Wiegand

> **Meeting Description:**
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> Don't know a filter from a formula? This free **90-minute webinar** will walk you through a few of our favorite basic Microsoft Excel formulas and shortcuts, as well as introduce the near-magical power of pivot tables.
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> Sample data and step-by-step instructions for practice will also be included. We'll be demonstrating in Microsoft Excel 2013 (for Windows), so if you're using a different or earlier version of Excel, some of the items we'll cover may look different or may not be available in your version.
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> Please contact webinars@techsoupglobal.org with accessibility requests for live captioning at least 72 hours prior to the event.
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> Register for this class at https://cc.readytalk.com/cc/s/registrations/new?cid=aqmqp5qswx9b

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Our sense is that people who use Excel 2010 would definitely benefit from this class and Excel 2007 would likely benefit from this class.

FREE COMPUTER PROGRAMMING CLASS IN SCRATCH FROM EDX

If you, your staff or your visitors are looking for a low impact way to learn computer programming, consider the self-paced "Programming in Scratch" course from Harvey Mudd College delivered through EdX. From the website:

> "Although many of the programs designed to teach kids to code are very simplistic, many of them, like Scratch, are suitable for all ages. It doesn't matter how old you are…Get started with the basics of programming!" -Lifehacker

Want to learn computer programming, but unsure where to begin? This is the course for you! Scratch is the computer programming language that makes it easy and fun to create interactive stories, games and animations and share them online.

This course is an introduction to computer science using the programming language Scratch, developed by MIT. Starting with the basics of using Scratch, the course will stretch your mind and challenge you. You will learn how to create amazing games, animated images and songs in just minutes with a simple "drag and drop" interface.

No previous programming knowledge needed. Join us as you start your computer science journey.

If you or people from your institution choose to take this course, feel free to send us links to projects you create.

WHO IS WADE HAMPTON AND WHY DOES A CENSUS AREA IN ALASKA BEAR HIS NAME?

For many years, people who deal with Census data about Alaska have collectively wondered why a census region in Western Alaska is named after a slave-owning Confederate general. Lisa Demer wrote an extensive article on this historical oddity published on the front page and two full inside pages in the April 26, 2015 Alaska Dispatch News. http://www.adn.com/article/20150425/western-alaska-push-rename-district-honors-slave-owning-confederate-general

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